

Agency: University of Alaska**Project Title:**

UAA Health Sciences Building

State Funding Requested: \$ 46,000,000
One-Time Need**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**Brief Project Description:**

The construction of the new UAA Health Sciences Building for the University of Alaska Anchorage Campus.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$46,000,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The UAA Health Sciences Building would be constructed between FY 09 through FY 11. This 80,000 Square Foot Building would house the UAA School of Nursing, WWAMI programs, and selected Allied Health Programs. The building would include interactive medical simulation labs, distance classrooms to connect students from rural communities, clinical and instructional labs and classrooms as well as program offices and other educational facilities.

This building will provide a greatly needed expansion to the already over-burdened UAA health programs.

Project Timeline:

This project will continue from FY 09 through FY 11.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Chancellor Fran Ulmer or Named Designee

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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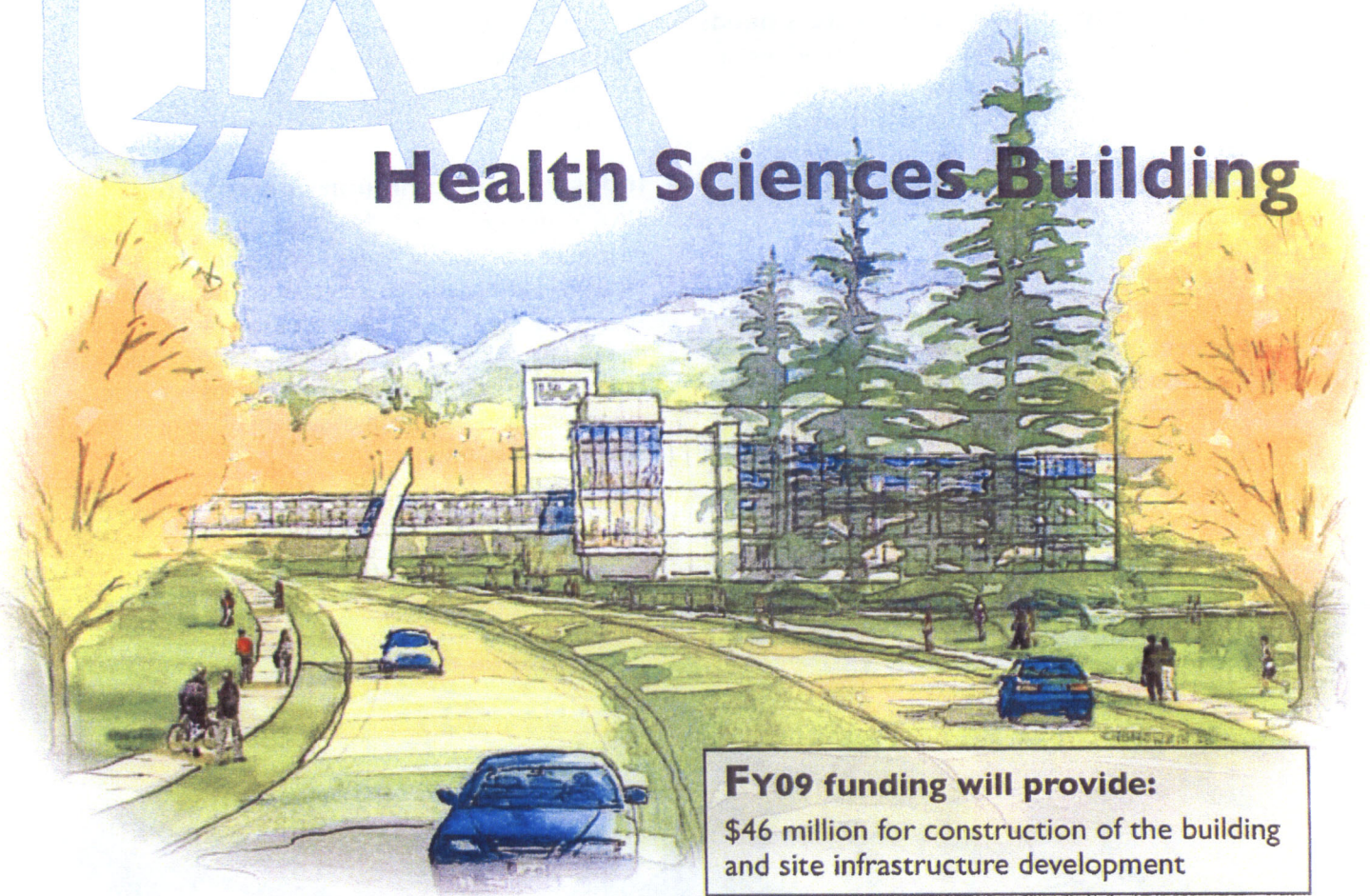
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



Health Sciences Building



FY09 funding will provide:

\$46 million for construction of the building and site infrastructure development

The new Health Sciences Building

UAA has made the planning and construction of the new Health Sciences Building its top priority. This building is essential in moving the University forward in addressing Alaska's pressing health care needs.

- The 80,000-square-foot building will be situated next to Providence Alaska Medical Center, across street from the Wells Fargo Sports Complex.
- The building intends to house the following programs:
 - ◆ The School of Nursing
 - ◆ WWAMI
 - ◆ Select Allied Health programs
- The Health Sciences Building will be designed with students in mind and will feature the following specialized learning space:
 - ◆ Distance classrooms to connect students from rural communities
 - ◆ Interactive medical simulation labs
 - ◆ Clinical and instructional labs and classrooms
 - ◆ Classrooms designed for interactive learning and collaborative hands-on experience
 - ◆ Program offices

FY09 funding will allow for

- ◆ 2008 - 2009 design of building
- ◆ 2009 - 2011 construction of building
- ◆ Fall 2011 opening

Interactive Simulation Labs

Students will learn through hands-on experience in the building's state-of-the-art simulation labs. These simulation labs are designed to:

- promote collaborative, interdisciplinary learning;
- replicate real-life clinical situation settings;
- allow students an opportunity to integrate theory and practice, think critically and ensure patient safety;
- increase confidence in skills prior to clinical experience;
- provide training in physical assessment, medical/surgical, maternity/pediatrics, critical care and operating rooms.

High demand in the health care industry

State labor projections continue to show a strong job forecast for virtually every health care profession. Demand for health care workers is expected to grow faster than any other sector over the next decade.

Expanding programs to meet State's needs

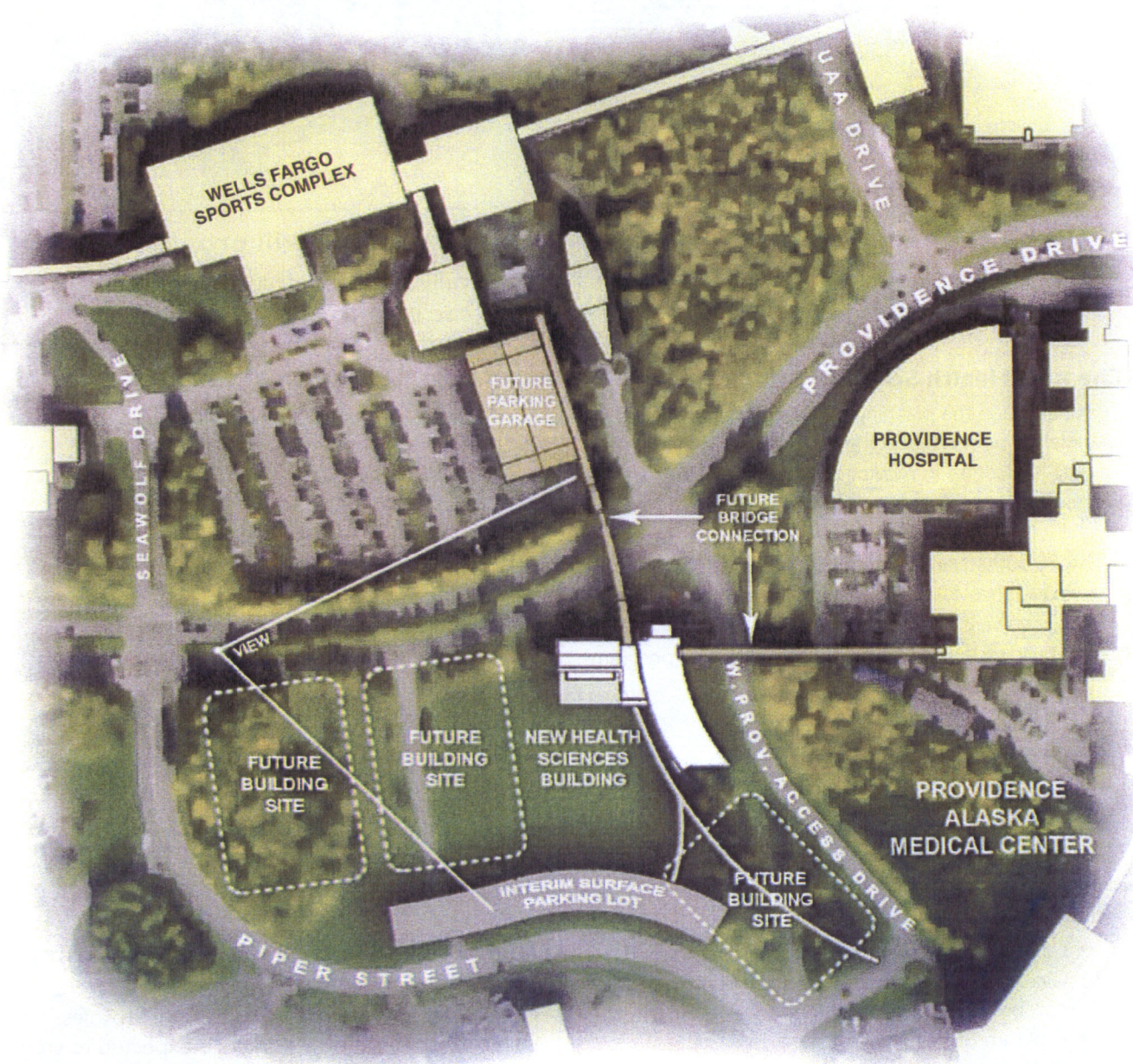
Having developed an outstanding reputation for being Alaska's "health campus," the University of Alaska Anchorage offers an array of programs relating to the health sciences, from occupational endorsements to master's degree programs. Examples of growth and demand include:

- 120 percent growth in the Allied Health programs in the last five years.
- 66 percent enrollment growth health program fields at the University of Alaska since 2001.
- 220 percent enrollment growth in UAA's School of Nursing since 2002.

- A 2007 increase of the WWAMI Program from 10 to 20 students. Predictions suggest that Alaska will need more than 100 new physicians each year over the next 10 years.

Industry and community partnerships

UAA is situated in the U-Med District of Anchorage, surrounded by two of Alaska's largest hospitals and several other health care institutions. The new Health Sciences Building is just the first of several new facilities that will further connect UAA with Alaska's health care industry. These strengthened partnerships will increase the training and education of students, faculty, staff and practitioners statewide.





Health Sciences Building FY09 Capital Request

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY



UAA, The State's Health Campus

Growing & Building Momentum

This project is the highest UAA priority and will move the university forward in addressing the health care needs of the State of Alaska. UAA and its U-Med district partners will collaborate to deliver state-of-the-art health care training, including programs offered by the UAA School of Nursing, in this new facility.

The facility is anticipated at 80,000 gross square feet. The facility will be located on the land parcel UAA received in the 2005 trade with Providence Hospital. The site location is south of Providence Drive near the intersection of Seawolf Drive and Piper Street.

The building will house nursing, WWAMI and selected allied health training programs that have collaboration potential with other U-Med partners. It will feature instructional classrooms capable of distance delivery, clinical and instructional labs, office and program support spaces.

A concept plan was developed in 2002 and is currently being updated. The project impacts students pursuing degrees in nursing, medical and allied health fields, nursing and allied health programs, program faculty and staff.

Project Budget \$46 million



Enhancing U-Med Partnerships

UAA is uniquely situated, surrounded by two of the largest hospital complexes in Alaska. As the U-Med District grows, partnerships with neighboring institutions continue to emerge. Neighboring institutions provide important clinical experiences for students studying health curricula at the University of Alaska. UAA graduates are in high demand for employment in the U-Med District and throughout the State of Alaska.

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Operating & Capital Budget

University of Alaska Anchorage

HEALTH PACKAGE

Student enrollments in the high-demand health fields at the University of Alaska have grown 66 percent since 2001, and state labor projections continue to show a strong need for virtually every health care profession. Allied Health programs have grown by 20 percent in the past five years, and demand for healthcare workers is expected to grow faster than any other employment sector over the next decade. Predictions also suggest that Alaska will need more than 100 new physicians each year over the next ten years. UAA's health package will directly address the needs of Alaska.

CAPITAL

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OPERATING

Increase AAS Nursing Program

\$227,100

UAA School of Nursing (SON) currently accepts 32 associate degree clinical nursing students per semester on the Anchorage campus. This request provides funding for two additional faculty positions to enable admission of an additional 16 students per semester, for a total of 48 new admissions annually.

Baccalaureate Nursing Faculty Position

\$132,100

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Dental Hygiene Expansion

\$39,700

This funding supports a half-time dental hygiene faculty position with UAA's Allied Health Sciences (AHS) program. The dental clinic remodel, completed in fall 2007, creates two additional dental hygiene operatories, for a total of 14 seats. American Dental Association (ADA) accreditation requires a 1:6 student/faculty ratio in the clinical practice courses. This request meets the accreditation ratio.

Baccalaureate and Master's Psychology Program Support

\$179,300

This request is for two entry-level, tenure-track faculty positions to support the baccalaureate and master's program at UAA. There are currently 451 students in the UAA undergraduate program, and 39 students enrolled in the Master's program in Clinical Psychology.

**University of Alaska Anchorage
FY 09 Capital and Operating Priorities**

UAA's Anchorage Campus Capital and Operating Priorities

The proposed FY09 operating and capital budget request provides for minimum facilities, maintenance and program support necessary to address UAA's incredible growth and Alaska's demand for highly-trained professionals in the Health and Engineering fields. A pre-requisite to growing these priority programs is funding to cover existing programs and services. Additionally, investment in university research, in student success strategies and in outreach programs supports all Alaska communities.

The following capital, program enhancement and growth funding requests are packages that focus on the strategic areas of Health, Engineering and Student Success.

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